

REMARKS

In the 23 October 2002 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 42-44, 52, 53, 57-59, and 75-77. The Applicant has amended these claims in the present paper.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 22-41, 45-51, 54-56, 60-74, and 78-80.

2. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 42-44, 52, 53, 57-59, and 75-77 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has amended claims 42, 43, 57, 58, 75, and 76 to delete the word "generally." Similarly, the Applicant has amended claims 44, 59, and 77 to delete the word "approximately." Finally, claim 52 has been amended to depend from claim 51, thus eliminating the rejection to claim 53 (as depending from claim 52) as well.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments overcome the Examiner's rejections. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw his rejections and allow claims 42-44, 52, 53, 57-59, and 75-77 as soon as practicable.

3. Rewritten Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the Applicant rewrite all pending claims. A rewritten copy of all claims is attached hereto. The attached paper is captioned "**Rewritten Copy of Claims.**"

4. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings, alleging Figure 1 uses two different reference numerals to refer to the same element. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that numerals 40 and

64 were both used to refer to the same connector clip. The Applicant submits a revised copy of Figure 1 with this paper, eliminating one of the reference numeral 40 from the drawing.

5. Objection to the Disclosure

The Examiner objected to the disclosure, alleging the disclosure used two different reference numerals to refer to the same element. The Applicant has amended the specification, above, to replace reference numeral 40 with reference numeral 64. The Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment adds no new subject matter.

6. Miscellaneous Remarks

The Applicant has filed this paper contemporaneously with a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time. If any additional extensions, petitions, or fees are due, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

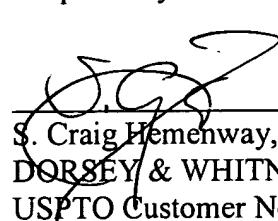
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by telephone interview, he is urged to contact the attorney below.

Signed at Denver, Colorado, this 24th day of March, 2003.

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Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph after the header “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT” with the following:

As a general description with respect to Fig. 1, the present invention concerns the use of a connector clip 64 [40] having a shear member 42 in a park brake cable system. The shear member 42 allows the application of a very high tension to the cable system 44 to eliminate voids in the system and accelerate the cable stretch that would otherwise occur during use. The shear member 42 also allows a calculated de-tensioning of the cable system 44 to a residual tension level desired for consistent performance.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

42. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 2, wherein the first tension level [is generally between] ranges from 160 to [and] 250 pounds.

43. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 2, wherein the second residual tension level [is generally between] ranges from 90 to [and] 130 pounds.

44. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 1, wherein the distance the second end of the front cable strand moves [is approximately] ranges from 13 to [-] 25 millimeters.

52. (Amended) A park brake cable as defined in claim 51 [52], wherein said shear disk is attached at selected locations along said side wall.

57. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 56, wherein the first tension level [is generally between] ranges from 160 to [and] 250 pounds.

58. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 56, wherein the second residual tension level [is generally between] ranges from 90 to [-] 130 pounds.

59. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 45, wherein the one of the second front cable end and the first rear cable end that is attached to the shear member moves [approximately] a distance ranging from 13 to [-] 25 millimeters.

75. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 74, wherein the first tension level [is generally between] ranges from 160 to [and] 250 pounds.

76. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 74, wherein the second residual tension level [is generally between] ranges from 90 to [and] 130 pounds.

77. (Amended) The park brake assembly of claim 63, wherein the distance the first end of the of the first rear cable strand moves [is approximately] ranges from 13 to [-] 25 millimeters.